

Meeting Minutes for Public Meeting Held on 4 January 2006
Public Involvement Plan
Bird Machine Company Site
100 Neponset Street
South Walpole, Massachusetts

On Wednesday, 4 January 2006 at 7 P.M., Baker Hughes Process Systems, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Baker Hughes Incorporated, held a public meeting at the Walpole Town Hall as part of the Public Involvement Plan for the Bird Machine Company site located in South Walpole, Massachusetts. The meeting was held to present the draft Public Involvement Plan, solicit public comment on the Plan, and provide information about site conditions and activities.

Mr. Clayton Curtis (Health Safety and Environment Manager) and Ms. Dina Kuykendall (Director of Environmental Affairs) of Baker Hughes Incorporated and Mr. Arthur Cunningham (Licensed Site Professional) of Weston Solutions, Inc. conducted the public meeting. There were 44 attendees present at the public meeting. A sign-in sheet was made available for all attendees to sign. Each meeting attendee was given a copy of the draft Public Involvement Plan to review.

It was noted during the meeting and in the draft Public Involvement Plan that a local information repository had been established at the Walpole Public Library. The public was informed how to become included in the mailing list for the site, and how to obtain additional information about the site. A list of the documents submitted to date to the repository was provided in the draft Public Involvement Plan. These documents are available for public review. The project schedule and the schedule of future public comment opportunities were presented. The public was informed that updates to the project schedule would be available periodically at the information repository.

Several comments and questions related to site conditions and activities were raised by concerned citizens during the public meeting. These comments and questions are included in Attachment A.

The public comment period for the draft Public Involvement Plan is a minimum of 20 calendar days. During this period, the public will have the opportunity to review and provide input on the draft Public Involvement Plan. All comments on the draft Public Involvement Plan are due to Baker Hughes Process Systems, Inc. by Wednesday, 25 January 2006.

A separate Response Summary to comments and questions received on the draft Public Involvement Plan will be submitted to Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP). The Response Summary will note those comments that are incorporated into the final Public Involvement Plan and will provide an explanation of why other comments have not been incorporated into the final Public Involvement Plan. The final Public Involvement Plan will be submitted to MassDEP within 30 days after the close of the public comment period. If the comment period is not extended, the final Public Involvement Plan will be submitted to MassDEP on or before 24 February 2006.

ATTACHMENT A

**COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS PRESENTED DURING THE 4 JANUARY 2006
PUBLIC MEETING FOR THE BIRD MACHINE COMPANY SITE**

Comments/Questions

- This site is a Tier II classified site. What constitutes a priority during classification of a site?
- The site is located in a Primary Recharge Area. Why didn't this result in the site being a priority (Tier I) site? Does water from the site get to nearby drinking water supply wells?
- Are there any known health issues related to people who lived in the neighborhood near the site prior to 1975?
- Have there been investigations of the Neponset River downstream of the property boundary?
- What standards are used to compare soils prior and subsequent to removal?
- Are there maps available showing locations of groundwater monitoring wells on site?
- How were samples obtained from the site (how collected)?
- How did dioxin come about in the Demolition Debris Area?
- Are there any groundwater monitoring wells located within the Demolition Debris Area?
- Have any samples been collected from Ruckaduck Pond?
- When will Ruckaduck Pond be sampled (water and/or sediment)?
- Is the asbestos in the western clearing of the Demolition Debris Area covered?
- Have all the assets for Bird Machine Company been sold to Baker Hughes (is Bird Machine Company and/or Andritz liable for contamination/clean up)?
- Has the manufacturing building been cleaned out (removed all oily residue)?
- Does Baker Hughes (or Town of Walpole) have water rights to Ruckaduck Pond (property deed)?
- The Neponset River ecological study ended at the property boundary. Does the water quality get better downstream of the property boundary?
- Walpole residents received a notification letter from the Town indicating that increased lead levels have been detected in the drinking water. Is this elevation related to the Bird Machine Company site?

- Who has the authority to say that the site is clean?
- Why is industrial/commercial standards used instead of residential standards?
Can residential standards be used?
- How much more time would it take/how much more involved would it be to clean up the site to residential standards?
- Is clean fill being brought to the site for use as fill in the excavated areas on the site?
- Is asbestos difficult to clean up?
- How many groundwater monitoring wells are located outside of the building area, on the perimeter of the property?
- How does Baker Hughes rate this site versus other sites in regards to the extent of contamination?
- Will Baker Hughes have their real estate representatives present at the next public meeting to discuss the future use of the property?
- Will all the manufacturing buildings on the property be demolished? Will newer buildings be built?